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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
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1. The two sides continue to trade accusations both in their radiobroadcasts and at the United Nations. Radio Pakistan reports the Indians used aircraft earlier today in support of ground operations against Pakistani troops in the Rajasthan area, some 500 miles south of Lahore. A Defense Ministry spokesman in New Delhi promptly denied the charge and accused the Pakistanis, in turn, of trying to find a cover "for their own persistent violations of the cease-fire."

2. At New York, Pakistani Foreign Minister Bhutto, in an address before the General Assembly, bitterly denounced India for starting hostilities and New Delhi's failure to grant Kashmir the right of selfdetermination. He charged the Security Council had "abdicated" its responsibility for peace-keeping and warned that "if the expediencies of power politics rule the day" Pakistan might leave the United Nations. He proposed that both countries withdraw their forces from Kashmir and that a UN force, composed of troops from Asian, African, and Latin American nations, take over in the disputed area pending a plebiscite. The Indian delegate denounced Bhutto for attempting to "browbeat" the Security Council and "befuddle" the General Assembly.

3. In New Delhi, Prime Minister Shastri, replying to the Security Council's latest demand for implementation of the cease-fire, announced that India accepted the cease-fire fully and in good faith but refuses to implement it unilaterally. He warned that Indian troops have been instructed to defend themselves whenever and wherever attacked.

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4. Ambassador Bowles in New Delhi suggests that as a first step towards an effective cease-fire, the Security Council direct the two governments to order their armies to fall back at least one kilometer from their present positions.

5. The Indian Defense Ministry claimed today that Chinese military activity continues along the borders of northeast Kashmir (Ladakh) and Sikkim. The Chinese reportedly are digging in on high ground in the Ladakh area and have been building observation posts and bunkers near Sikkim.

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